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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR ADVANCED METHODS TO TARGET AND ELIMINATE UNLAWFUL ROBOCALLS PROCEEDING

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Comment Date: July 3, 2017

Reply Comment Date: July 31, 2017

On March 23, 2017, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry that begins a process to facilitate voice service providers' blocking of illegal robocalls by proposing rules to expressly authorize blocking of certain categories of calls by providers and inquiring into further options for blocking. The *Robocall Blocking NPRM/NOI* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 45 and 75 days after publication in the Federal Register, respectively.²

On May 17, 2017, a summary of the *Robocall Blocking NPRM/NOI* was published in the Federal Register.³ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before July 3, 2017, and reply comments will be due on or before July 31, 2017. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the *Robocall Blocking NPRM/NOI* and the Federal Register.⁴

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¹ Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry, 32 FCC Rcd 2306 (2017) (Robocall Blocking NPRM/NOI).

² *Id*.

³ Federal Communications Commission, Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, Proposed Rules, 82 Fed. Reg. 22625 (May 17, 2017) (*Robocall Blocking NPRM/NOI Summary*).

⁴ Robocall Blocking NPRM/NOI, 32 FCC Rcd at 2318-19; see also Robocall Blocking NPRM/NOI Summary, 82 Fed. Reg. at 22625-26.